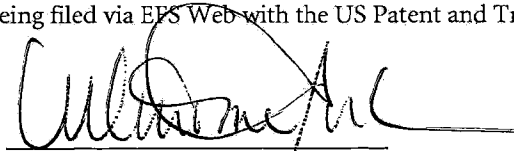


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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action (hereinafter, "Action") mailed March 21, 2008, which specifies a statutory period for reply for three month. A Request for a 3 Month Extension of Time is included within this response.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of the Response. Amendments to the claims begins on page 4 of this Response. The Comments in response to the Office Action of March 21, 2008 begin on page 8 of this Response. An Abstract is attached as a separate sheet at the end of this Response.